

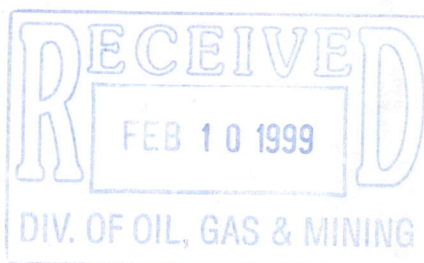
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Dear Mr, Ashton:

The Fillmore Field Office staff specialists have reviewed the Drum mine reclamation and closure plan. Their comments are summarized below.

Minerals: Most of the liner for the barren and pregnant ponds has been removed. There is no longer enough material to encapsulate the sludge.

Lands: No non-Federal lands or holders of prior rights.

Range: Clean up spilled oil and debris. Backfill pits where feasible.

Forestry: No conflict.

TES Plants: No conflict.

Recreation & Wilderness: A cave located near W7 must be avoided.
(Will be flagged.)

Wildlife & TES Animals: No conflict.

Riparian: No conflict.

Wild Horse and Burro: No conflict.

Cultural Resources & Paleontology: No conflict.

Watershed: No conflict.

Water Rights: BLM would like the water rights to the well and spring, if any.

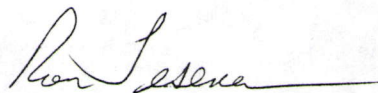
Noxious Weeds: Squarrose knapweed occurs in the area. Vigilant detection is recommended for the disturbed/ reclaimed area. Noxious weed infestations in the reclaimed area would have to be controlled to BLM's satisfaction.

Hazardous Materials: The plan adequately addresses the pond problems.

A copy of the Interdisciplinary Team Check list is enclosed.

If you have any questions, contact me at 435-743-3126.

Sincerely,



Ron Teseneer
Geologist

Enclosure - Interdisciplinary Team Checklist (1 p.)

cc: Wayne Hedberg, UDOGM (M/027/007)
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